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1. KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL OF A LARGE PRODUCER OF LAMINATIONS HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT LAMINATION INDUSTRY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND PROSPECTS FOR TECHNICAL SEMINAR. ALMOST ALL KRAFT PAPER IS PRODUCED LOCALLY. ABOUT SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE DECORATIVE PAPER IS PRODUCED LOCALLY, BUT ALL THAT WEIGHS LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED GRAMS PER SQUARE METER MUST BE IMPORTED. ALL OVERLAY PAPER IS IMPORTED. FORTY-GRAM OVERLAY PAPER IS USED MOST OFTEN, TWENTY-FIVE GRAM PAPER IS USED FOR SPECIAL ITEMS. THE CZECHS HOPE TO SWITCH TO FITEEN-GRAM OVERLAY PAPER IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT MEAD PRESENT PAPERS ON TECHNIQUE OF IMPREGNATING ALL THREE TYPES OF PAPER. HE ALSO SUGGESTED A PAPER ON USE OF THICK RESINS, WHICH ARE UNKNOWN HERE.

3. OFFICIAL RAISED POSSIBILITY OF MEAD ORGANIZING A JOINT SEMINAR WITH WEST VIRGINIA PULP AND PAPER COMPANY. THE LATTER SELLS
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SPECIAL VARIETIES OF KRAFT PAPER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IS KNOWN HERE,

AND WOULD NOT BE A COMPETITOR OF MEAD, SINCE THE TWO FIRMS
PRODUCE DIFFERENT KINDS OF PAPERS, BOTH OF WHICH MUST BE USED TO
PRODUCE A LAMINATION.

4. OFFICIAL ESTIMATES THAT SIXTY TO EIGHTY PERSONS WOULD ATTEND
PROPOSED SEMINAR. EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN
ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEMINAR SHOULD MEAD'S RESPONSE BE POSITIVE.
EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT MEAD MAY WISH TO GIVE A COCKTAIL
ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE SEMINAR. IN THIS W6, MEAD PERSONNEL AND
CZECHS WOULD ALREADY BE ACQUAINTED, THUS RESULTING IN A BETTER
EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AT SEMINAR ITSELF. PERRY

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